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Mr. William F. Finnan  
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Bureau of the Budget  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Finnan:

Mr. Dulles has requested me to thank you for your letter of May 29, 1957, announcing the Bureau's assignment of a Staff, together with the establishment of an interagency committee, to deal with Government-wide problems of automatic data processing systems. We wish to express our keen interest and satisfaction in the Bureau's initiative in this connection.

This Agency has made a concentrated effort to utilize machine methods to solve its documentation and accounting problems. Punched-card, photographic, and facsimile methods have been applied in an integrated system to the documentation problems and more sophisticated devices are being developed to obtain a better solution to this problem.

Feasibility studies are now being made of the Agency's accounting problems to determine whether or not electronic data processing machines can be applied advantageously. As these studies progress, the types of problems described in your letter will emerge and we are encouraged to know that the interagency committee established by the Bureau of the Budget will be available to assist us in resolving them.

We believe that this Agency has acquired a special fund of knowledge in the application of machine techniques to the indexing and retrieval of the informational content of documents and will be glad to make it available through your Committee to any Agency which has problems in this specialized field.

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Although today we are only a potential user of electronic data processing equipment, we should like to participate in the committee's activities in whatever appropriate manner you deem fit. To this end, I should like to nominate Mr. [REDACTED] a business machines specialist on our Management Staff, to be the liaison between your committee and this Agency. Mr. [REDACTED] can be reached on Code 143, Extension 607.

Sincerely,

*[Signature]*  
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Deputy Director

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